

LESSON 3: 1 THESSALONIANS 2

Paul's Defense

1. Make a list of the things Paul claims he did not do in his ministry (vv. 1-6). What accusations could he have been responding to?
2. What does it mean to be “entrusted with the Gospel” (v. 4)? What does it require of such a trustee?
3. How does Paul use the metaphors of “nurse” or “mother” (v. 7) and “father” (v. 11)?
4. What two things did Paul share with the Thessalonians (v. 8)? How are the two related?
5. The term “Gospel of God” appears twice in vv. 8-9. What is your definition of this phrase?
6. Summarize Paul’s ministry to the Thessalonians (vv. 1-12). What was his chief concern?
7. Why was Paul thankful (v. 13)?

8. What is boldly contrasted in verse 13? Compare this with Galatians 1:11-12.
9. What must a Christian do to “walk worthily of God” (v. 12)?
10. In vv. 13-16, Paul compares the persecutions experienced by the Thessalonians with those experienced by the church in Judea. What point is Paul making about the Jews who reject the message of the gospel and persecute the church? What does he mean that “the wrath of God has come upon them at last” (v. 16)?
11. How does Paul describe the Thessalonian church (vv. 17-20). In what way is this so?
12. What do you think is the secret of Paul’s ministry?